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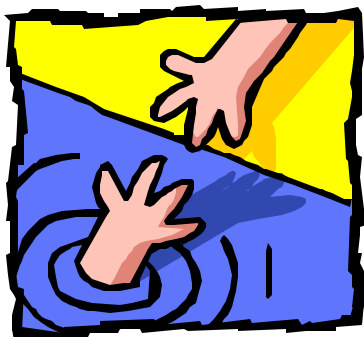
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## BEGINNERS

## National Organization for Victim Assistance

**The email address,  
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works! TRY IT!!**



Founded in 1975, the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) located on the Web at <http://www.trynova.org/> “is widely considered a leader in the attempt to secure rights for victims across the world and to provide related support services to mental health professionals, criminal justice agencies, and researchers.”<sup>1</sup> Many of your clients would undoubtedly benefit from their services. “Starting at their homepage, users can learn about some of the latest situations they are responding to, including such natural disasters as hurricanes and tsunamis. After viewing the materials, users will definitely want to look at the Help For Victims area, as it contains well-thought out information on advocacy and assistance for crime victims with disabilities and how to get help after victimization. Additionally, the publications area of the site includes a myriad of booklets and chapters available for download that deal with crisis intervention, supportive counseling, and the psychological trauma of crime.”<sup>2</sup> They include the following publications which are available to all visitors:

- Crisis Intervention  
<<http://www.trynova.org/victiminfo/readings/CrisisIntervention.pdf>>
- Psychological Trauma of Crime  
<<http://www.trynova.org/victiminfo/readings/PsychologicalTraumaofCrime.pdf>>
- Supportive Counseling and Advocacy  
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- Standards of Victim Services Practices  
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- Victim Rights and Services  
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- The Victims Movement  
<<http://www.trynova.org/victiminfo/readings/VictimsMovement.pdf>>
- Running the Talk Show Gauntlet  
<<http://www.trynova.org/victiminfo/readings/talkshow.html>>

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## INTERMEDIATE

## PowerPoint Alternatives II

Cindy Chick of LawLibTech fame used her blog <<http://www.lawlibtech.com>> to present two alternatives to using PowerPoint presentations - HTML configured websites, discussed last month in this space and blogs, our topic for this month.

Steven M. Cohen of the Nassau Library System <<http://www.nassaulibrary.org/>> read Cindy's blog entry and decided to make a presentation, "Weblogs and RSS - A Guide For Librarians" <<http://nls9232005.blogspot.com/>> using Blogger <<http://www.blogger.com/start>>, which is still free and easy!

In his own blog he said of the experience: "I think I'm at the point that I will never present using PowerPoint again... [I] loved it because the presentation flowed better." <sup>3</sup> He quotes Cindy as saying:

The organization of a blog forced me to think, not in bullet points, but in speaking points. I've been skeptical at claims that PowerPoint dictates a certain undesirable structure upon it's users, but after working with a blog, I'm starting to think there may be something to that idea. <sup>4</sup>

Jim Milles, one of the writers of "Out of the Jungle" <<http://outofthejungle.blogspot.com/>>, comments on Cindy's post by writing: "PowerPoint can be useful as a slideshow tools [sic], when you want to display

photos or other images. It's good for that. Other than that, however, I doubt I will use PowerPoint again." <sup>5</sup>

According to Cindy, "the advantages of using a blog are greatest when you [will] be presenting using a live Internet connection.

- You can include the links you want to visit in the blog/web page, and easily link out to web sites.
- The blog also makes a great 'take-away.' ...[the audience] can simply revisit the blog at a later time.
- If you enable commenting, the blog also can serve as a discussion forum for the audience to use to ask questions, or further discuss the topic.
- A blog is a natural tool to turn to when the topic is blogging because it illustrates the basic features of blogs." <sup>6</sup> Cindy illustrates this in her presentation called 'Blogging 101' <<http://cchick.blogspot.com/>> which was also produced using Blogger.

The downsides of using a blog as a presentation platform are:

- You end up with a busier screen than you normally have when using PowerPoint.
- The blog entry doesn't fill the screen making it more difficult for the audience to read.

Getting the slides in the proper order takes some serious advance planning or cumbersome retiming of the entries. <sup>7</sup>

## ADVANCED

## Podcasting Concluded

Since we started this topic way back in July, I've come across a lot more examples than the ones mentioned in the August issue, of good legal podcasts that I would like to pass on to you.

First I'd like to direct your attention to The Legal Talk Network located on the Web at <http://www.legaltalknetwork.com/>. The Network is the home of six excellent podcast series including:

- Attorney Marsha Kazarosian's "The Power of Attorney"
- "The Boston Bar" hosted by top lawyers in the Boston area has specific topics including lawyer advertising, medical negligence, and lawyer reputation
- "Workers Comp Matters," hosted by Attorney Alan S. Pierce focuses on the issues relating to people who have been hurt at work.
- "Conversations with F. Lee Bailey: The Essence of Investigation."
- "Lawyers Weekly: It's not just about the law. It's about how to use it." is hosted by David L. Yas, Esq., Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly newspaper and co-hosted by David Frank, former prosecutor and now, writer for Lawyers Weekly

- "Coast to Coast," probably the most prolific of the series, hosted by Robert Ambrogi and J. Craig Williams

Advantages of visiting The Legal Talk Network are its descriptions of each podcast and having the option to listen to them on your computer without having to download to an MP3 player.

Other podcast series that I have run across in my research are:

- "Conversations in Law" <http://www.hamline.edu/law/conversations/> from Hamline University School of Law
- "InternetCases.com" Podcasts by Evan D. Brown at <http://www.internetcases.com/archives/podcasts/index.html>
- "The Supreme Court Watch Podcast" <http://allianceforjustice.libsyn.com/><sup>8</sup>
- New, but showing potential is "Unplugged" by the Wired GC at <http://www.wiredgc.com/index.php?s=unplugged>.

Go to Indiepodder.org: Your Podcast Directory at <http://ipodder.org/directory/4/podcasts/categories/law> and Blawg at [http://www.blawg.org/modules.php?name=Web\\_Links&l\\_op=viewlink&cid=160](http://www.blawg.org/modules.php?name=Web_Links&l_op=viewlink&cid=160) for a listing of links to more legal podcasts.



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